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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/601,416	<b>Applicant(s)</b> AGRAWAL ET AL.
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Date of Interview: 19 March 2008.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant  
2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 53.

Identification of prior art discussed: Aggarwal (US Patent 6,922,700 B1) and Rao ("Automating Physical Database Design in a Parallel Database"; Rao et al. 2002; Proceedings of the 2002 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data. Pp. 558-569).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative went over a general summary of the invention and the merging of horizontal partitioning methods as it pertains to the prior art of record and the examiner's interpretation of the merging of horizontal partitioning structures and methods. Also discussed was the 35 USC 101 issues of claim 53 and 60. No agreement was reached.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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